

Gardners Taking New Look at An Old Friend

Somewhere along the line, gardeners have gotten out of the Calla Lily habit, which seems a shame when you consider all the good things Callas have done for California gardens of yesteryear. Perhaps it's time we took a new look at this old friend.

Certainly from the standpoint of bloom, the familiar white Calla is about as useful as they come. It is often nearly evergreen and everblooming in our milder coastal climates and where frosts does cut it short, the Calla is among the first plants to reappear. Even at its worst, it produces bloom for half a year.

AS FOR LOOKS, you are

being downright unfair to an old friend if you can't see its attraction. The bold trumpets of white that are set off by the deep green of the foliage would set the horticultural world on its ear if they were recent introductions. It's an injustice to overlook them as being merely old hat.

And culturally, they don't come any easier to handle. Callas grow in anything and persist for years even without the minimum of attention. They are much better for a rich soil, however, and abundant water. The California Association of Nurserymen suggests planting them at lawn's edge in some corner of the garden so that they share in the regular wa-

tering schedule. Work steeply into the soil at planting time and set the tuberous roots four to six inches deep.

LIFTING AND DIVIDING Callas is not an annual necessity by any means, but it's a good way to increase your planting. If your climate is mild enough so that the plants never die back, lift them anyway and replant immediately. They can take it.

The gardener who reacquaints himself with the common white Callas should also introduce himself to Golden Callas and Pink Callas if he doesn't already know them. Golden Calla is much like the White Calla in size and shape,

Californians Lucky; Plants Grow Easily

Californians are lucky—and southern Californians especially so—in having so many plants that thrive either indoors or out. There is great advantage in being able to bring the outdoors in and vice versa,

but its flower color is a rich golden yellow.

PINK CALLA, on the other hand, is a little gem of a plant for borders and rockeries where you can tuck it in as you see fit. The color is a delicate pink and the whole plant is miniature, seldom more than 12 or 18 inches high. It's the kind of plant that you fall in love with at first sight.

as need or your mood indicates. And in an age of glass walls, there is further aesthetic appeal in growing like plants on either side of a window. Such practice creates a continuity with the outside world.

We are reminded of this by a California Association of Nurserymen checklist of two-way plants. It is surprisingly long and contains some familiar shrubs that more than a few of which you might not have suspected as candidates for indoor use.

SEVERAL PALMS and related shrubs can be grown inside or out. A handful of Philodendrons, the showy Aralia,

the Rubber Plant, the vining Fatsy and several ferns. For winter bloom, a few pots of Cyclamen on either side of a window pane can be your number one attraction.

Consider the Palms for a minute. Have you ever grown the Pigmy Date Palm and enjoyed its true palmlike appearance, complete with arching fronds? This miniature tree can also be grown inside—started in early life as no more than a pot plant and gradually moved into larger containers for patio and lanai use. Or the Lady Palm, that reedlike centerpiece for patio and terrace. It, too, can be tubbed for indoors.

AMONG COUNTLESS Philodendrons, the Seloum variety has the C.A.N.'s highest recommendation for house, lanai or patio. The huge leaves are showiest of a showy family—deeply split and often as much as 20 or more inches across.

Hoya, or Wax Vine as you may know this white-flowering vine, can be grown in a tub and trained to frame both sides of a large window. Fatsy, a cross between Ivy and Aralia (Fatsia) makes a perfect wall covering in a lanai room, and Aralia can grow right alongside of it. Experiment will turn up others and no doubt your C.A.N. nurseryman will, too. Once you get started, growing indoor-outdoor plants can be a hobby.

Builder Cited For Erecting Prize Models

Harlan Lee, builder of Southern California's first Good Housekeeping Home of the Year, was honored at a special luncheon recently for his contribution to the Southland building industry.

Lee was saluted by civic and business leaders and members of the press during the luncheon at the Los Angeles headquarters of the Southern California and Southern Counties Gas Cos.

F. M. Foster, vice president of the Southern California Gas Co., presented a plaque for building achievement to Lee, whose custom Encino Hills development featuring the Good Housekeeping Home opened to the public this week.

IN MAKING the award Foster noted that the plaque was presented "in commemoration of our rewarding association and in recognition of your selection by Good Housekeeping Magazine as the only Southland builder with the right to display the Good Housekeeping seal.

The Good Housekeeping House was designed by Jones and Emmons, AIA, and is aptly termed "the house with the outdoors built in." Its 2200 square feet of floor space are dramatically highlighted by expanses of sheer glass and climaxed by a striking 360 square foot garden-walk entrance which furthers the indoor-outdoor theme.

BUILT UNDER the Balanced Power concept, Encino Hills homes have been designed to utilize the best of both modern natural gas and electricity for the household jobs each of them does most conveniently, most efficiently, and with greatest economy.

Evidence of why Good Housekeeping cited the custom model as the "most striking and original home of 1961" can be found in its deluxe kitchen which features built-in gas range and oven, custom ceramic tile counters, natural wood cabinets and automatic gas refrigerator.

Bank Renews Special Plan For Leagues

For the third consecutive year, Security First National Bank will be offering its exclusive Bowleague Banking Service for the convenience of Southland bowling leagues. Mel Buether, assistant vice president, announced.

Bowleague has been designed to simplify the handling of league funds, and any bowling center proprietor or manager can offer his leagues the advantages of the service at the nearest Security branch, Buether said.

BOWLEAGUE accounts, which are used mainly for league fees, prize money and entry fees, can be opened by individual leagues if their bowling house does not participate in the plan, he pointed out.

"While this procedure necessitates over-the-counter deposits at any Security Bank branch, rather than remittances through the bowling establishment, it still affords leagues the safety of Bowleague Banking Service, and enables them to qualify for 100 per cent ABS or WIBC bonding coverage," Buether stated.

THE BANK'S plan has been endorsed by every major bowling organization including the Bowling Proprietors Assn. of Southern California, Los Angeles Bowling Assn., American Bowling Congress and the Southeast District Bowling Assn.

Buether, former president of the Los Angeles Bowling Assn., disclosed that over 1000 leagues are now using this convenient plan.

"League officers desiring full protection of league funds can open Bowleague accounts any time," he added. "They do not have to be set up at the beginning of league play."

Bowling centers or leagues wishing further information should contact Mel Buether at Madison 8-0211, Ext. 1171.

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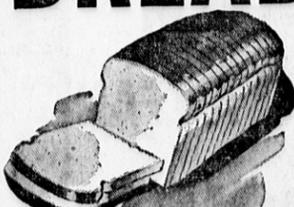
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